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Leslie Weldon U.S. Forest Service-Region 1 Federal Building 200 E. Broadway P.O. Box 7669 Missoula, MT 59807-7669

Re: Notification of Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (Rl/FS) Negotiations, Libby

Asbestos Site (08-BC), Operable Unit 6 - The Burlington Northem and Santa Fe Railway

Company (OU 6)

Dear Ms. Weldon:

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If the U.S. Forest Service Natural Resource Trustees have any natural resource damage claims to assert regarding this Site, please contact Lorraine Ross, Enforcement Attorney for the EPA, at 303-312-6888. Any questions regarding this letter may be addressed to Sharon Abendschan, Enforcement Specialist, at 303-312-6957.

Sincerely,

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